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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 13 to 24 are cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereon and 25 and 27 are amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 to 24 (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A transponder arrangement for mounting on an inner wall surface of a tire, the transponder arrangement comprising:

5 a substrate having an upper surface and a lower surface
defining a predetermined area;

a transponder including a transponder chip and a transponder antenna embedded in said substrate;

10 a strip of material having first and second longitudinal ends and an overall area ~~corresponding at least to said predetermined area of said substrate~~ so as to permit said substrate to lie entirely on said strip of material;

said strip having a first portion defining said first longitudinal end and a second portion defining said second longitudinal end;

15 said second portion having a middle tab so as to have leg segments on respective sides thereof;

 said first portion and said leg segments of said second portion being fixedly connected to said inner wall surface of said tire;

20 said middle tab being clear of and unattached to said inner wall surface of said tire;

 said substrate having a clear-through opening formed therein through which said middle tab passes from below said substrate; and,

25 said middle tab being releasably connected to said substrate at said upper surface thereof so as to enable said substrate to lie on said first portion and said leg segments thereby avoiding a direct contact of said substrate with said inner wall surface of said tire.

26. (Previously Presented) The transponder arrangement of claim 25, wherein said opening is a slot formed in said substrate and said substrate is connected only to said middle tab.

27. (Currently Amended) The transponder arrangement of claim 26, further comprising fixing means projecting from said upper surface of said substrate ~~for releasably attaching and~~ releasably connecting said middle tab to said substrate.

28. (Previously Presented) The transponder arrangement of claim 27, wherein said middle tab has an aperture formed therein for fixing said middle tab to said fixing means.

29. (Previously Presented) The transponder arrangement of claim 25, wherein said substrate opening has a rectangular shape and has rounded or beveled edges.

30. (Previously Presented) The transponder arrangement of claim 25, wherein said strip of material is made of a rubber product.